

Review Criteria for Proposals

All proposals will be reviewed by a peer review panel and evaluated based on the following:

1. Topic is well justified and relevant to the section and theme of the ***Sum It Up!*** National Dropout Prevention Conference: ***Personalization + Academics + Leadership = Success.***
2. Proposal is clearly written and logically organized.
3. Proposal is consistent with scientifically based research and best practices.

Proposal Instructions

1. Proposal title should contain a maximum of 75 characters, including spaces and punctuation and a complete list of presenters and co-presenters, employer, address, phone, FAX, and email for each presenter.
2. Prepare a short 50-75 word summary which gives an overview of the presentation. **If you are selected as a presenter, this summary will be printed in the conference program.**
3. Send or FAX the above materials and Application Form **by July 13, 2007** to:

Arizona Department of Education
2007 National Dropout Prevention Conference
Attn: Robert Coccagna
1535 West Jefferson, Bin 32
Phoenix, AZ 85007-3209
FAX: 602 542-3100

I. Select One of the Following Section Plans Which Best Represents Your Proposal

- ☐ **School-Based Programs**—subject interventions such as math, reading, art, music, etc.; high stakes testing/exit exams; transition programs; leadership programs; truancy; juvenile justice; mentoring; and after school.
- ☐ **Community-Based Programs**—mentoring, after school, collaborative/partnership efforts, nonprofit/profit centers, community center programs.
- ☐ **Alternative Education**—special education, high school recovery, charter schools, home schooling, vocational education, juvenile justice, and any other nontraditional approaches that impact performance and high school dropouts.
- ☐ **Psychosocial Factors**—teacher and student attitudes, student school attachment, school environment, self-esteem, familial factors, and other non-cognitive factors that impact performance and high school dropouts.
- ☐ **Ethnic Minorities**—ELL, minorities*, academic expectations, high-stakes testing, assimilation to majority populated schools, school minority relations, school-based programs and minority relations.
*Including presentations on Native American, Hispanic, African American, etc. dropout prevention issues.
- ☐ **Other**—research, data and definition, and programs not addressed in the aforementioned sections as it pertains to student performance and high school dropouts.

II. Select Your Format

- ☐ **60 Minute Seminar:** The seminar should include a brief time for questions and answers from the audience.
- ☐ **90 Minute Interactive Workshop:** The focus of the 90-minute interactive workshop is to feature **skill building** and **how-to** kinds of presentations.

Selection and Notification

The Program Selection Committee will review all proposals submitted on or before **July 13, 2007**. Presentations will be selected by the Program Selection Committee and acceptance notices will be emailed following the completion of the selection process, but no later than **August 1, 2007**.



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2007 *Sum It Up!*
National Dropout Prevention Conference
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

Application Form
Proposals for Workshop and Seminar Sessions

When it's all said and done, the one thing we hear over and over from high school dropouts is they regret their choice to give up on school. They say, "I wish someone had pushed me harder...believed in me..." or "school was boring..." The facts *Sum It Up!*: students who are engaged in **personalized** learning environments, relevant **academics**, and strong **leadership** tend to stay in school, or they are "at-risk" for dropping out!

This conference is inviting innovative, skilled presenters who have excellent ideas, proven programs, and research to share in the areas of **school-based programs**, **community-based programs**, **alternative education**, **psychosocial factors**, **ethnic minorities**, and **other topics** aimed at understanding programs and research as it relates to student performance and high school dropouts. We are seeking presentations that challenge, motivate and encourage participants to 'bridge the gap' for our nation's future leaders: our children, our students.

If you would like to be considered as a presenter for this exciting, innovative conference, please complete and return this form together with your proposal to: **2007 National Dropout Prevention Conference, Attn: Robert "Bob" Coccagna, 1535 West Jefferson Bin 32, Phoenix, AZ 85007-3209 or FAX to (602) 542-3100 by July 13, 2007.**

All Presenters must register for the Conference and are responsible for the registration fees.

(Please print or type)

Name: _____

Job Title _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Street / P.O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

Work Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

Title of Presentation _____

**Please attach information for each Co-Presenter on a separate sheet:
Name, Job Title, Organization, Address, Phone, FAX, Email, and Title of Presentation.**

A LCD projector, screen and flipchart will be provided in each room. Presenters may bring other equipment or arrange for rental from the hotel by contacting Mike Pico, 602 252-1234, ext. 3119, or mpico@swankav.com.

I. Topic of Presentation: (Please check the topic your presentation covers)

☐ school-based programs ☐ psychosocial factors ☐ other _____

☐ community-based programs ☐ ethnic minorities _____

☐ alternative education

II. Format of Presentation : ☐ 60 Minute Seminar ☐ 90 Minute Interactive Workshop